

Job Code

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**CITY OF RIVERSIDE**  
**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

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**TITLE: PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER - HAND SPRAYER**

**DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, to perform skilled work in the preparation and application of pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers and other plant pest and disease eradication and control chemicals; and to do related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

A position in the Park Maintenance Worker - Hand Sprayer class is distinguished from other park maintenance classes by the responsibility for the skilled performance of a variety of manual and light machinery tasks related to plant pest and disease eradication and control requiring accuracy and precision. Positions assigned to this class require the ability to work independently, exercising judgment and initiative.

**REPORTS TO:** Park Supervisor

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

Receives general supervision from Park Supervisor. May exercise lead supervision over a General Service or Reset Worker.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Typical duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Inspect parks, medians, parkways, ditches and drainage areas for noxious weeds and pest infestations.
- Identify plant pests and diseases, and mix and apply appropriate herbicides, pesticides, insecticides or other eradication and control chemicals.
- Operate spraying equipment and truck used to transport and apply mixed chemicals.
- Mix and store chemicals as needed, maintaining an inventory and appropriate records and reports; secure chemicals as necessary; rinse and dispose of containers properly.
- Calibrate and maintain spraying equipment.
- Maintain records of locations treated and materials used.
- Operate power mowers, edgers, and other equipment in maintaining planting and grounds and performing park maintenance tasks such as weeding, mowing, renovating, trimming, and fertilizing designated areas.
- Lead a small crew in performing chemical spray application task.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

- Methods, techniques, principles, and equipment used in the preparation and application of plant pest and disease chemical eradication and control.
- Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers and other plant pest and disease eradication and control chemicals and their properties, uses, and handling cautions.
- Plant pests and diseases, and methods of their control and eradication.
- Safe work practices.

### **Ability to:**

- Perform skilled work in the preparation and application of plant pest and disease eradication and control chemicals.
- Work independently in the absence of supervision.
- Operate a variety of light mechanical equipment.
- Lead a small crew.
- Mix and apply chemicals used in the eradication and control of plant pests and diseases.
- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Prepare and maintain records and reports.

### **Education and Experience:**

Any combination of experience and education that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education: Equivalent to the completion of twelfth grade.

Experience: Two years experience performing skilled work in the preparation and application of plant pest and disease eradication and control chemicals.

**MEDICAL CATEGORY:** Group 2

### **NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

Possession of an appropriate, valid class "C" California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

### **CAREER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**FROM:** Park Maintenance Worker - Hand Sprayer

**TO:** Park Maintenance Specialist